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Grant of loan to the Land Improvement Co-operative Societies.

* 1373 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Land Improvement Co-operative Societies in the area irrigated by the Cauvery-Mettur canals;

(*b*) the total amount of loan granted by the Government to the said societies;

(*c*) the total acres of lands to be improved and the lands already improved;

(*d*) the total amount of loans to be collected annually; and

(*e*) the total cost of establishment, engaged in the collection of loans (such as Registrar, Sub-Registrar, Inspectors, Supervisors, etc.)?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) 35.

" (*b*) Rs. 1,67,665.

" (*c*) 6,884 acres.
4,795 acres.

" (*d*) Rs. 12,000.

" (*e*) Rs. 9,500 per annum."

Prohibition offences committed by the Police and the Prohibition staff.

* 1374 *Q.*—SRI L. C. PAIS (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Prohibition offences committed by the Police and Prohibition staff last year; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government to deal with such offences?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" (*a*) 28, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government have issued orders to the effect that they take a very serious view of breaches of Prohibition law by Government servants and that in the case of any Government servant who is found guilty of a Prohibition offence by a Court of law the punishment, etc., awarded in respect of first conviction should be decided on its merit and that in respect of a second conviction the punishment should be dismissal from service."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL:—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the saying in villages that households which have got only one bottle of illicit liquor need not be afraid of the Prohibition staff as it would be required for the consumption of the raiding staff and as nothing would be left therefore for the raiding staff to prosecute them? "